

## **SCRUTINY REVIEW PROPOSAL**

### **1. What is the review ?**

To investigate how the Connexions Service is serving Southwark.

### **2. What outcomes could realistically be achieved ? What agency does the review seek to influence ?**

The review should assess how effectively the service provides information, advice and support to young people aged 13-19.

As a starting point the Sub-Committee will bring to the attention of the Council Executive our findings showing both unrealised potential as well as any limitations, including fundamental ones, of the Connexions Service in how it operates in this borough.

### **3. When should the review be carried out/completed?**

The review should aim for completion by 30 March 2009.

### **4. What format would suit this review ?**

Interviews with relevant officers, sub-committee discussion and web-based research.

### **5. What are some of the key issues that you would like the review to look at.**

- To understand the visions for the Connexions Service for Southwark and Nationally
- To answer the important questions of how internal departments are involved in the delivery of the service, which outside agencies involved, how they work together and how is performance measured
- To develop an overview of how the Connexions Service is working in Southwark
- To assess what the implications for the Connexions Service of the government devolving statutory responsibility for its running from 1 April 2008
- To look at future challenges for the Connexions Service, including taking account of plans for Southwark Council to take over responsibility for Learning Skills Council in 2010.

### **6. What does the review aim to produce**

A report to Council Executive.